

What is claimed is:

1. An ordering method comprising:

placing an order for an item by specifying the item and a location for picking up the item,

and by providing an identification;

relaying the order to a validating processor;

identifying a wireless tag identification number corresponding to the identification

provided;

authorizing payment of the order from an account associated with the wireless tag; and

reading the tag identification number from the wireless tag when the tag is located in a

vicinity of the pick up location.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

including the order in a list of orders sorted according to expected pick up time and item

preparation time.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

displaying the list of orders in an area where the order is prepared before pick up.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

identifying items prepared that correspond to the wireless tag.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of placing an order further comprises:

providing an expected time for pick up.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein providing an identification comprises providing a telephone number.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein providing an identification comprises providing a personal identification number.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the account is a pre-paid account containing a balance.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein the account is a credit card account.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein the account is a check card account.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of relaying comprises relaying the order to the validating processor via Internet.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of placing the order comprises placing said order over a telephone.
13. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of placing the order comprises placing said order via Internet.
14. The method of claim 4, further comprising:
displaying the identified items to a carrier of the tag.
15. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
authorizing payment of the order in the event that the account associated with the wireless tag has insufficient funds; and
charging at least the difference between the available funds in said account and a purchase price to a secondary account.

16. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of identifying items comprises correlating the read tag identification number with a record of validated tags.
17. An ordering system comprising:
- means for placing an order for an item, the order including the item, a location for picking up the item, and an identification;
 - a communication channel for relaying the order to a validating processor;
 - means for identifying a wireless tag identification number corresponding to the identification provided;
 - means for authorizing payment of the order from an account associated with the wireless tag; and
 - means for reading the tag identification number from the wireless tag when the tag is located in a vicinity of the pick up location.
18. The system of claim 17, further comprising:
- a unit for displaying a list of orders, including said order, sorted according to expected pick up time and item preparation time.
19. The system of claim 17, further comprising:
- means for identifying prepared items that correspond to the wireless tag.
20. The system of claim 17, wherein the order further includes an expected time for pick up.
21. The system of claim 17, wherein the identification comprises a telephone number.

22. The system of claim 17, wherein the identification comprises a personal identification number.
23. The system of claim 17, wherein the account is a pre-paid account containing a balance.
24. The system of claim 17, wherein the account is a credit card account.
25. The system of claim 17, wherein the account is a check card account.
26. The system of claim 17, wherein the communication channel comprises the Internet.
27. The system of claim 17, wherein the means for placing the order comprises a telephone.
28. The system of claim 17, wherein the means for placing the order comprises a computer network.
29. The system of claim 19, further comprising:
an unit for displaying the identified items to a carrier of the tag.
30. The system of claim 17, further comprising:
means for authorizing payment of the order in the event that the account associated with the wireless tag has insufficient funds; and
means for charging at least the difference between the available funds in said account and a purchase price to a secondary account.
31. The system of claim 19, wherein the means for identifying items comprises means for correlating the read tag identification number with a record of validated tags.